

Green Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) Decals

New Information

Effective January 1, 2012, legislation amends *California Vehicle Code* §5205.5 to add a new category of CAV decals. In addition, the program name will change from CAV Stickers to CAV Decals.

The decals will be issued to the first 40,000 applicants that purchase or lease vehicles meeting California's enhanced advance technology partial zero-emission vehicle (enhanced AT PZEV) aka "Plug-in Hybrids" requirements. Qualifying vehicles purchased before the program begins **will** be eligible to receive the green CAV decals.

NOTE: A Bay Area FasTrak receipt is not required to apply for CAV decals.

State law allows the use of this new category of CAV decals through January 1, 2015. However, carpool/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane usage may be restricted at any time by state and federal law, if the presence of vehicles bearing CAV decals in the HOV lane contributes to increased traffic congestion, increased travel times, decreased sustained travel speeds, or other factors affecting any HOV lane or segment of that lane, as determined by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Other changes/updates to the CAV decal program are listed below:

- The current Application for Clean Air Vehicle Stickers (REG 1000) form is being renamed and revised. The revised REG 1000 form, titled Application for Clean Air Vehicles Decals (REV. 08/2011), incorporates the new green decals and will be posted online in December 2011. All prior versions of the REG 1000 will no longer be accepted once the REG 1000 (REV. 8/2011) is posted to the Internet.
- Qualifying vehicles for the new green CAV decals will be listed on the Air Resources Board (ARB) website at www.arb.ca.gov.
- Information concerning this new program is available on the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) website at www.dmv.ca.gov.

Procedures

Effective January 1, 2012, applications for the new green CAV decal will be accepted using the REG 1000 (REV. 8/2011) form and processed by the Special Processing Unit (SPU) at DMV headquarters only.

Mail CAV decal applications directly to SPU at:

Department of Motor Vehicles
Special Processing Unit MS D238
PO Box 932345
Sacramento, CA 94232-3450

Procedures, *continued*

Applications dropped off at a local DMV field office will increase processing and mail time.

Sample of a Green CAV Decal



Background

Recent legislation authorizes the issuance of a new category of CAV decals.

Distribution

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